(c) The first sugarcane package for the five States, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Bihar, Haryana and Punjab is contingent *inter alia* upon the respective State Government undertaking not to declare SAP in future either formally or informally.

(d) The State Governments are yet to avail of these packages of assistance.

Four-Laning of NH-48 and NH-17

*253. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Karnataka has proposed four-laning of 320 Kms and 300 Kms long National Highway Nos. 48 and 17 from Nelamangala to Mangalore and Panaji-Mangalore to Kochi respectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four laning of National Highways Nos. 48 & 17, or parts thereof, can be considered only after ascertaining the traffic volume, financial viability, availability of land and completion of pre-construction activities.

Attack on Indian Consulate in Kabul

*254. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian National has, recently, been killed in attack on Indian consulate in Kabul;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate arrangements have been made for the security of the Indian Nationals and personnel of the Indian Embassy at Kabul; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Indian Mission and Posts in Afghanistan have sensitized Afghan authorities of the threat to Indian nationals working on various projects in Afghanistan. The Indian nationals are advised by the Mission and concerned Posts to exercise prudence regarding the security of their persons and premises. As regards security of our Embassy at Kabul, appropriate arrangements have been made for providing necessary security.

Companies supplying bottled water

†*255. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in the country engaged in supplying bottled water;

(b) the number of companies out of them which do not possess I.S.I. Certification;

(c) the grounds on which such companies are engaged in the business of selling bottled water;

(d) whether Government would prescribe standards for bottled water keeping in view the health of the public; and

(e) if so, by when and the reasons for delay for putting the same in place?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The number of companies supplying Bottled Water in the country is not known to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). However, BIS has granted 997 licences for manufacturing Packaged Drinking Water and 8 licences for Packaged Natural Mineral Water under its Certification Marks Scheme.

(c) Packaged Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water were brought under Mandatory Certification Scheme of the Bureau of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.